(b) what measures Government have taken to control diabetes in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) There is no data to suggest that there is an alarming increase in the prevalence of diabetes in the country.

(b) As part of health education activities the Central Health Education Bureau and other Institutes of this Ministry have been disseminating information on various health programmes including diabetes through different mass media channel.

Decline in contraceptive use

3382. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Ministrer of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the figures for contraceptive use for the first four months of the current year reflect a decline in almost all the major elements of the family planning programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The extent of variation in contraceptive users in respect of different family planning methods at National level during April to July, in 1991-92 and 1992-93 is as given below:—

(Figures in thousands)

Family Planning Methods	1992-93* (April-July, 1992)	1991-92 (April-July, 1991)	%Increase (+) or Decrease(−)
Sterilisations	837.9	790.1	(+)6.1
IUD Insertions	1019.2	1220.0	(−)16.5
C.C. Users	2608.6	10128.8	(−)15.0
O.P. Users	2148.8	2807.8	(−)14.3

*Provisional

Objections against the contraceptive-Nor plant

3383. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some women's groups have raised objections against the contraceptive-Nor plant-as reported in Pioneer of 28th February, 1992;

(b) whether Government propose to review the decision to go ahead with the testing;

(c) what is the basic difference between the new Nor plant and its earlier version Nor plant-2; and

(d) what were the long term and short term bad effects noted from Nor plant-2 and how these problems are taken care of in the new version?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) After reviewing the objections raised by some women's groups a decision has been taken to undertake Phase III Clinical trials with Nor-plant-1 consisting of six capsules, in 10 medical colleges.

(c) The basic difference between the two is that Nor plant II consists of two covered rods whereas Nor plant I consists of 6 capsules. Both these devices contain the same contraceptive steroid Levonorgestral being released in the body in an almost identical manner.

(d) The randomised clinical trials suggested effective contraceptive protection without any adverse side effects except menstural irregularities. This is not considered as a health problem except that it can cause inconvenience to the user. These menstrual irregularities gradually get decreased with the continued use of both Nor plant I & Nor plant II.